



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 5

VINTAGE and  
FOREVER YOUNG  
DIVISIONS

NOV. 16<sup>th</sup>

## Age no match for love of the game

BY GLENN MILLER  
*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

They were all born before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. One was born in 1931, the same year Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays were born, and the year Twinkies were introduced.

They are the oldest players on each of the five teams in the 75-plus age division, the oldest division of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

The “youngster” in this group is 80-year-old Mickey Alpert of the National Spirit. The oldest of these old-timers is 89-year-old Dick Pavlak of the New England Red Sox, who pitched five innings in summer-like heat Sunday at JetBlue.

In between are 82-year-old George Hughes of Tri-Cities, 88-year-old Charles Hildebrandt of the IronMan Maiden Padres and 83-year-old Jack Rosen of Maine Woods.

These five octogenarians traveled to Fort Myers during the worst pandemic in a century to play baseball. Why?

“Love of the game,” Hughes said.

They keep returning, no matter what. No matter more than four score of birthdays. No matter the aches and pains. No matter anything.

“What keeps me playing?” Rosen said, answering a question with a question. “Honestly, last year the last game I was packing up and I said goodbye to Fort Myers because no way could I ever make it again. It seems the aches and pains went away. I don’t feel in any worse shape than I did last year.”

So, Jack Rosen is back again. How many times has he played in the Roy Hobbs World Series? Rosen bent down toward his equipment bag and flipped



*Jack Rosen, Maine Woods*



*George Hughes, Tri-Cities*



*Mickey Alpert, National Spirit*



*Dick Pavlak,  
New England Red Sox*



*Charlie Hildebrandt,  
Ironman Maidens*

through fistfuls of ID cards, enough to fill two fists it seemed.

Not even the Coronavirus pandemic can keep Rosen and the others away.

“Obviously, I was concerned,” said Rosen, who drove from his Cape Cod home to Fort Myers in his yellow 2020 Corvette.

Rosen is a pilot who has flown a single-engine plane across the Atlantic Ocean and knows about assessing risks.

“Life’s a gamble,” Rosen said. “You know the most dangerous thing about flying? Driving to the airport.”

So here he is playing baseball. So is Hildebrandt, who said the pandemic “doesn’t bother me at all.”

Hildebrandt estimated he’s played in 12-to-15 World Series and his reason for playing in 2020 is the same reason

he’s played in all those others.

“It’s a great tournament,” Hildebrandt said. “The best tournament.”

Pavlak will turn 90 on Feb. 13 and may be the oldest player in Roy Hobbs World Series history. He still revels in competition and said he would DH in the second game of his team’s Sunday doubleheader.

“I can’t run anymore,” Pavlak said.

He’s lost his wheels but what about his love of the game?

“Not my love of the game,” Pavlak said.

Young Jack Rosen is only 83. Will he still be playing at 89?

“Why don’t I play it year-by-year?” Rosen said.

Sounds like a good plan.





*Philadelphia  
Cutters pitcher  
Tim Rector  
delivers vs.  
Orlando  
Freedom batter.*

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## RESULTS

### Vintage Results

**10:00**

Orlando Freedom 13, USA Volkers Group 3  
 Minnesota Bees 13, Youngstown Astros 1  
 Baltimore Baseball Club 14, Livingston Dodgers 4  
 Midwest Nine 16, Tallahassee Classics 11  
 Maine's Wood Baseball 10, Cecil's Margin Service 3  
 South Jersey Indians 12, Asheville Sox 9  
 Philadelphia Brewers 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 6  
 San Antonio Texans 4, Minnesota Goats 2

**1:45**

Raynham Baseball Club 15, Lehigh Baseball 5  
 Orlando Freedom 19, Philadelphia Cutters 6  
 Long Island Yankees 15, North Coast Nationals 4  
 Washington Titans 14, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 4  
 Massachusetts Chiefs 12, Toledo McGuire Ins. 1

### Forever Young Results

**10:00**

National Spirit 17, New England Red Sox 5  
 Iron Man Maiden Padres 13, Tri-Cities Baseball 5

**1:30**

Maine Woods Baseball 10, New England Red Sox 2



*photo by Greg Wagner  
 Livingston Dodgers pitcher Tom Makosky grabs a Baltimore Baseball Club  
 infield popup.*



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## STANDINGS

### Vintage Standings

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Massachusetts Chiefs	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	1
San Antonio Texans	1	0	1.000	2
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	3
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	4
Long Island Yankees	1	0	1.000	4
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	4
Raynham Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	5
Philadelphia Brewers	1	0	1.000	6
Orlando Freedom	2	0	1.000	9
South Jersey Indians	1	0	1.000	9
Midwest Nine	1	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	4
Cecil's Margin Service	0	1	.000	10
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	.000	10
Asheville Sox	0	1	.000	12
Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	1	.000	12
USA Volkens Group	0	1	.000	13
Youngstown Astros	0	1	.000	13
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	.000	14
Livingston Dodgers	0	1	.000	14
Lehigh Baseball	0	1	.000	15
North Coast Nationals	0	1	.000	15
Tallahassee Classics	0	1	.000	16
Philadelphia Cutters	0	1	.000	19

### Forever Young Standings

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	2
IronMan Maiden Padres	1	0	1.000	5
National Spirit	1	0	1.000	5
Tri-Cities Baseball	0	1	.000	13
New England Red Sox	0	2	.000	27



*photo by Greg Wagner  
New England Red Sox 75's 3rd baseman Mark Langemo talks with his pitcher  
Larry Medina.*



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## MONDAY SCHEDULE

### Vintage Schedule

**10:00**

Asheville Sox @ Philadelphia Brewers, CP-S  
Livingston Dodgers @ South Jersey Indians, PDC1  
Baltimore Baseball Club @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, PDC2  
Toledo McGuire Ins. @ Minnesota Goats, PDC4  
Lehigh Baseball @ Youngstown Astros, TP-S  
USA Volkers Group @ Philadelphia Cutters, TP2  
Minnesota Bees @ Orlando Freedom, TP3  
Cecil's Margin Service @ Washington Titans, TP4

**1:30**

Massachusetts Chiefs @ Long Island Yankees, PDC3  
San Antonio Texans @ North Coast Nationals, PDC4  
Maine Woods Baseball @ Midwest Nine, TP-S  
Raynham Baseball Club @ USA Volkers Group, TP2  
Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Tallahassee Classic, TP3

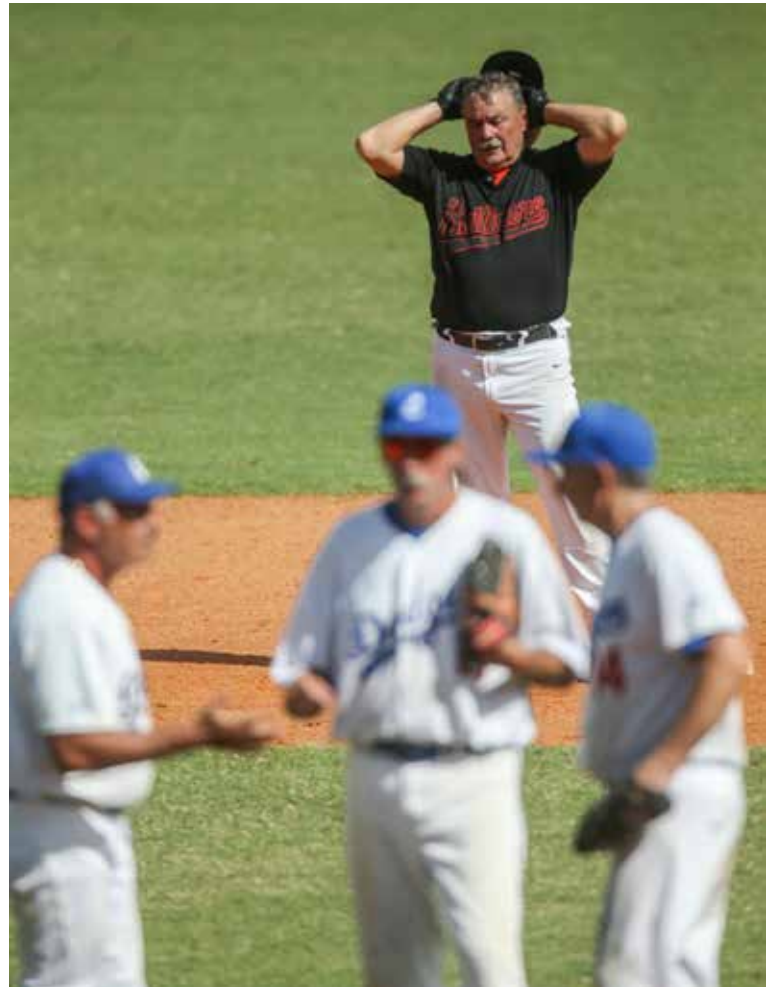
### Forever Young Schedule

**10:00**

Tri-Cities Baseball @ National Spirit, PDC3  
Iron Man Maiden Padres @ Maine Woods Baseball, PDC5

**1:30**

New England Red Sox @ Iron Man Maiden Padres, PDC5



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
Baltimore Baseball Club baserunner Ferris Allen waits patiently as the Livingston Dodgers Pete Furio (L), Steve Tannis and Tom Makosky talk strategy.



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## NOTEBOOK

# Welcome to RHWS 2020, COVID-19 Style

Welcome to 2020 Roy Hobbs World Series. We are glad you are here, but as you can see, this is a new day, a different day.

Our goal here at Roy Hobbs is for you to have a great time and to be safe here at this tournament.

With that in mind, here are some things we expect and are doing:

1. All participants and patrons must show proof of a mask in their possession and get their temperature taken before entering any of the complexes we are using.
2. Players must have their player ID card in order to enter.
3. Wearing masks is not mandated inside the complexes; however, it is required if social distancing – 3-4 feet outside – is not possible. Specific sites for **REQUIRED** masks will be stands, outside batting cages, the Pro Shop and offices.
4. We are providing game participants bottled water in the dugouts; please recycle.
5. Headquarters offices are outside the clubhouse on the lanai area; all are welcome. All meetings will be held outside.
6. Our CV19 protocols are on pages 9-15 of your event program and available at [royhobbs.com](http://royhobbs.com).

End of the day, we want everyone to be safe, to be able to return home safely and whole.

Please remember, know the risks, avoid risks and practice **individual social responsibility**.



## Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during first 4 games.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, Open Division teams may have pitchers arrive Wednesday – those pitchers must throw 5 innings or 25 hitters to qualify for the playoffs.

Finally, in the playoffs, those “non-qualified” middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as

important as the “spirit of the rule” that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as “inning-eaters” are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS Monday/Tuesday to return on Thursday/Friday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-check-in upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

Managers should email a list of their qualified pitchers to Rob Giffen [rg@royhobbs.com](mailto:rg@royhobbs.com) the night before their playoffs begin.



## 50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

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Wright Field Reds catcher warms up his pitcher.

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Revenues from the 2019 RHWS led to some \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.



## Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings EVERY DAY.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (rg@royhobbs.com or text 330.352.2175) with corrections to scores.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.



## Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, **PLEASE** police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.



## First Aid

**Two key First Aid items:** Drink plenty of water before and during the games; don't just wait until the game is starting. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed. If they are not readily available, the person in concessions can contact them.

**Ice is available for injuries** ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. While we are allowing personal coolers this year, pitchers need to plan for ice for their arms and supply it.



## Admission, \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per game or \$5 for a tournament pass. Players will use their player ID card that guarantees them ac-

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Livingston Dodgers catcher Doug Garstin makes an incredible diving catch of a Baltimore Baseball Club pop foul.

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cess to all sites whether they are playing or not. Non-player spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for all sites for one day.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters (PDC). There is no family pass, everyone 12 and up needs to have a pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, belt loops, etc.



### Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing our pandemic protocols and handling admissions.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**South Jersey Indians 12, Asheville Sox 9:**  
(Sox) Hitting: Dan Fielder 3-3-, 2R; Mike Cory 3-4, 1RBI; Russ Barone 1-2; Dick Fusco 2-4, 1R.

### Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts during the working hours of the tournament and should be easily identifiable. At least two are assigned to each of the satellite complexes daily.

In the case of **emergency**, please go to the nearest concession stand at the satellite complexes, where someone will be available to summon help.

Roy Hobbs field managers and key personnel are Red Cross First Aid **certified**, and Roy Hobbs Baseball has guidelines in place on the handling of injuries. Additionally, **AED devices** are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices as well.



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